

REMARKS

Claims 1-32, 39-43, and 47-49 are currently pending with claims 1, 28, 39, and 47-49 being independent. Claims 47-49 have been added by way of this amendment. No new matter has been introduced.

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, which includes claims 1-32, 39-43, and 47-49. This election is made without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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